2. The Medical Supdt.
Safdarjung Hospital,
New Delhi.

3. The Principal & Med. Supdt.
LHMC & Assoc, Hospital,
New Delhi.

4. The Director
All India Instt. of
Medical Sciences,
New Delhi.

5. The Director,
J.I.P.M.E.R.,
Pondicherry,

6. The Director,
P.G.I.M.E.R.,
Chandigarh.

Sub : Proper functioning of CAT Scan, Ultrasound and other costly equipment in the hospitals.

Sir,

This refers to the report regarding the under utilisation of the services of costly equipments like CT SCAN, Ultrasound, etc. installed in various hospitals.

In view of the above, it is requested that following additional measures may kindly be implemented in the hospital.

1. Review carefully the cases of excessive down-time of the equipments to ensure that the remedial action is taken by the respective HODs and other officials of the hospitals. The Medical Superintendent should fix the responsibility for proper supervision at each level and review the cases on a weekly basis.

2. Pin-down the responsibility of services conditions by various companies and take appropriate action if they fail to perform their dates due to negligence or apathy. Whereever required, necessary action in the consumer courts should also be considered.

3. The feasibility of off-loading the expensive equipments on a turn-key basis to private contractors on terms and conditions acceptable to Government may also be considered in cases where it is found that it is not possible to draw sufficient levels of performance from the existing staff.

4. Wherever necessary, out side experts from other hospitals/institution can be called to check out whether the down-time of equipments was due to problems like non-stocking of spares or due to misuse of equipments by improper handling.

5. A list of costly and vital equipments should be prepared and an effective monitoring system created so that 'down-time' of these equipments is minimised. Simultaneously, it is also necessary to have a check done on the down-time and losses, if any, incurred by excessive periods of non-use of equipment and a proper record of it should be maintained.

6. While finalising the maintenance contracts for the costly equipments, it is advisable to have constitution with other equipments, Govt. Hospitals using similar equipments, so that uniformity in rates, terms and conditions, performance standards, etc. can be achieved.

7. The Directorate/Ministry of Health may be kept informed of any unusual delay in putting these equipments operational for one reason or the other alongwith steps taken in a chronological order.

Yours faithfully,

(PROF. K.B. LOGANI)
DY. DIRECTOR GENERAL (M.)

Copy to:-

Principal Secretary (Medical), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, for information and necessary action.

Mrs. Sunila Basant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & F.W., Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, for information & advice.

Surveillance Team to Detect Health Problems

371. SHRI YERA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for establishing a surveillance team to detect various health problems and diseases which kill a large number of innocent people;

(b) the details of the surveillance team and objectives;

(c) whether it has started functioning; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) Reports of Outbreak of diseases in various parts of the country prompted the Government to strengthen the disease surveillance system for identification of outbreaks in early phase and effective response to such outbreaks. As a part of National Disease Surveillance and Response System, rapid response teams would be established in the states to respond immediately to any epidemic situation. This would enable district health system to develop capabilities for responding to outbreaks in an organised manner.

Opening of CGHS dispensary at Pauri, U.P.

372. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the retired/pensioner Central Government employees residing in hill districts of U.P. are demanding Government for opening CGHS dispensary at Pauri, District Pauri Garhwal, U.P.;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision for opening of CGHS dispensary, particularly at Pauri, in U.P. in near future; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) According to the present norms of the CGHS, the CGHS facilities can be extended only to cities with a population of 7,500 or more Central Government employees/ pensioners. State Capitals are to be taken up in the first instance.

First Lady Dental College in Private Sector

373. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first lady dental college has recently been allowed in private sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and needs for opening such colleges; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up such colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Implementation of the recommendations of Central Pollution Control Board

374. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to implement the recommendations of CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board) on hospital waste managements pollution levels and standards of incinerators; if so, details thereof;

(b) whether government are aware that infectious waste is not destroyed by incinerator in Government run hospitals;

(c) whether Government are planning to introduce a more eco-friendly system of waste disposal;

(d) whether Government consider to hike the paltry sum of Rs. 10 lakhs earmarked in 1996-97 for waste management and control in hospitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The guidelines prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board on hospital waste have been circulated to all Central Government hospitals for necessary action.

(c) The draft Bio-medical Waste Rules notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, have been proposed with the objection of protecting environment.

(d) and (e) Incinerators have been